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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7464**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1956

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 9, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Powerplant siting.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**

**GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** Defines "facility" to mean a powerplant that: (1) generates electricity for the wholesale or retail market; and (2) has a generating capacity of at least 25 megawatts. Prohibits a person from constructing a facility without first obtaining a siting certificate from the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC). Requires the attorney general to appoint a deputy to serve as counsel for the environment in a proceeding involving an application for a siting certificate. Requires the appointed deputy to hire an independent consultant to conduct a study on the environmental impact of the proposed facility. Requires the applicant to submit a fee of \$50,000 to be applied toward the cost of the study. Requires the IURC to hold a hearing on all applications for siting certificates. Specifies the conditions that an applicant must meet before the IURC may grant a siting certificate. Requires the holder of a siting certificate to obtain an amended siting certificate if the holder makes certain alterations to the facility or the operation of the facility. Requires a certificate holder to construct, operate, and maintain the facility in accordance with the certificate. Allows the IURC to monitor a facility for compliance. Requires a certificate holder to submit an annual report to the IURC.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**